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1. SUMMARY: MEYNELL OF THE EC COMMISSION HAS ASKED US INFORMALLY FOR ANY FUTURE US VIEWS ON INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY POLICY. HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO PREPARE SOME IDEAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT MEETING LATE THIS YEAR. HE SAYS THAT ANY FURTHER THINKING WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE COMMISSION IN DEVELOPING ITS OWN POSITION AS TO WHAT SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN SUCH A POLICY FOR THE COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. MEYNELL, THE RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR IN THE EC COMMISSION'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTORATE GENERAL, TOLD MISSION OFFICERS ON SEPTEMBER 23 THAT THE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS ON INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY POLICY FOR THE EXPECTED EC SUMMIT MEETING LATE THIS YEAR. (ALTHOUGH NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE SUMMIT, MEYNELL BELIEVES IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE HELD.) DESPITE SOME PRELIMINARY WORK ON THIS SUBJECT (REF A), THE COMMISSION DOES NOT NOW HAVE A POSITION ON INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY.

3. MEYNELL, LIKE OTHER COMMISSION OFFICIALS, IS AWARE OF EARLIER US THINKING REGARDING SUPPLY ACCESS AS CONVEYED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN REFS B-D. AND AS STATED AT THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS (REF G). HE SUGGESTED THAT A MORE EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF US VIEWS -- BOTH ON WHAT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND WHAT WE WOULD CONSIDER UNACCEPTABLE -- WOULD BE WELCOMED BY HIMSELF AND PRESUMABLY OTHER COMMISSION OFFICIALS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CITED AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S REMARKS OF JULY 23 TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, WHICH DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON ACCESS TO SUPPLIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MTNS. MEYNELL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANYTHING WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY HIM THAT BUILDS ON OR GOES BEYOND AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S REMARKS.

4. MEYNELL NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION'S POSITION IS, SO FAR, WIDE OPEN. THERE ARE THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT STOCKPILE (ON A COMMUNITY OR BROADER BASIS), CREATION OF STATE TRADING SUPPLY AGENCIES, OR THE NEGOTIATION OF SUPPLY ASSURANCES IN THE CONTEXT OF BILATERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND LDC PRODUCERS. MEYNELL ALSO REMINDED US THAT THERE ARE SOME IN THE COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT LIKE TO USE RAW MATERIALS POLICY AS A TOOL AGAINST THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. MYERSON

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